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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Jonathan Martnick EXAMINER: James L. Swiger III
SERIAL NO.: 10/774,828 GROUP: Art Unit: 3733
FILED: July 6, 2004 DATED: July 5, 2006
TITLE: **INSTRUMENT KIT AND
METHOD FOR PERFORMING
MENISCAL REPAIR**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006 setting forth a two-way restriction requirement between:

Group I (Claims 1 to 14) drawn to an instrument kit; and

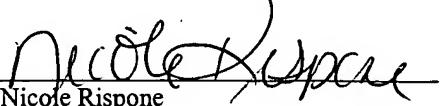
Group II (Claims 15 to 18) drawn to a method,

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1 to 14) in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121.

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In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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